

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of March 27, 2007 in the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

#### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 6 are amended to specify that the cartridge has an authentication device and the cradle has a verification circuit, where the contact of the terminals and contacts allow authentication of the cartridge to be carried out between the verification circuit and authentication device. Support for this amendment can be found at page 7, lines 20-25 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-5 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

#### ***Regarding 35 USC 102(b) and 103(a) Rejections***

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 6, and dependent claims 2-5, is not disclosed or suggested by newly cited Bolash et al. (US 6,183,063) either alone or in view of previously cited Silverbrook '952 and/or Silverbrook '513, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite that specify that the terminal connections made between the cradle and inkjet cartridge upon receipt of the inkjet cartridge by the cradle also allow authentication of the cartridge to be carried out between a verification circuit of the cradle and an authentication device of the cartridge. Accordingly, it is assured that only a correct cartridge can be mated with the claimed cradle (see page 7, lines 20-25 and page 17, line 21-page 18, line 15 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Bolash merely discloses electrical connections between the printer 10 and the cartridge 11 (see col. 3, line 24-col. 4, line 20), and does not disclose or suggest a need to authenticate the cartridge for use with the printer, let alone allowing such authentication through these electrical connections.

Further, neither Silverbrook '952 nor '513 make up for these deficiencies in Bolash because, as previously discussed by the Applicant, Silverbrook '952 merely discloses an arrangement in which a print engine is integrally provided with a printhead and Silverbrook '513 merely discloses a printhead assembly without details of mounting such to a printer.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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